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SANTA CLAUS? SURE! IT'S DOWN IN INDIANA

Gets a "Lot'a" Mail About
Christmas Time; Rich in
Historic Interest.

BY STERLING NORTH.

There is a Santa Claus (Ind.), believe it or not.

Tucked away in a hollow of the southern Indiana hills twelve miles north of the Ohio river, lies this little crossroad. The population is given as sixty persons but the figure smacks of promotion on the part of the chamber of commerce.

There are sixteen houses, a white church on the hill with a pine tree beside the door, a one-room school, a tavern so old that the oldest inhabitant has no idea when it was built, a general store and postoffice, and a barber shop, a little less than eight feet square.

Gets Heavy Yule Mail.

Eleven months of the year Postmaster James F. Martin, who also owns the general store, is content if he sorts twelve pieces of mail a week. But during December he rises to unprecedented importance. Some 500 or 600 letters hopefully penned to the real Santa Claus at last come to Mr. Martin's hands. He only wishes he could do something about them; having three children of his own and being something of a patriarch, he feels he should.

But the bulk of his Christmas mail, some eight to ten thousand pieces, comes to him in packages with the request that he cancel and mail them from his office. People from as far away as New Zealand have learned of this little town and wishing their Christmas greetings to be even more Christmasy send them to Santa Claus. Postmaster Martin cancels them all by hand.

And the town is rich with Lincolnia items. Not even the oldest inhabitants remember having seen Lincoln, but all remember the stories told by their fathers and grandfathers of the day Lincoln came through Santa Claus riding high on the wagon seat beside his father. Then they point out the spot five miles distant, near the village of Lincoln City, where the Lincoln cabin stood and show the elm tree under which Lincoln was supposed to have played.

CHICAGO YLL NEWS-JOURNAL
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1929.

Santa Claus Postmaster's Own Story.

BY J. F. MARTIN.

Postmaster, Santa Claus, Ind.

SANTA CLAUS, Ind., Dec. 19.—(P)—Folks who have the idea that all I have to do is to sit around the stove and write pretty letters to children are certainly mistaken. The post office of Santa Claus is a big business institution during the Christmas season. Our cancellations average 10,000 a day during November and December.

Of course I do receive from 300 to 500 letters a day from children all over the country. Many of them are from poor kids whose only chance for Christmas gifts is their abiding faith in Santa Claus. I also receive numerous letters from schools, churches, charity organizations and the like asking for the names of children to whom presents may be sent. I simply bundle up a package of children's letters and mail them to the interested parties. So, after all, I suppose I am a kind of a Santa Claus.

"Discovered" Six Years Ago.

Santa Claus has had a post office for about eighty years and I have worked in it for the last twenty-eight years. The wide world, however, didn't discover the mailing possibilities until about six years ago when a newspaper photographer came down here and made some pictures of the general store and post office. Since then we have had little rest during the Christmas season.

The other day some of those news reel fellows came down here. They weren't satisfied to take pictures of the village as it is. Instead, they got out an old wreck of a buggy and placed it in front of my store. They said they wanted a "rural scene."

Some folks have the impression that Santa Claus is a backwoods community. Just remember we are only a quarter of a mile from a state highway and we expect to be right on the Lincoln Memorial highway. The Nancy Hanks Lincoln shrine is only five miles from here. We are proud of the fact, too, that our village is near the place where Abraham Lincoln spent his youth.

Toy Factories, Maybe.

Why, we expect to have some toy factories locate here when business picks up.

It would be nice if I could tell you how it feels to be the Santa Claus of the world, but as a matter of fact I am a busy man here in my general store. People come in for miles around to trade eggs and butter for sugar, coffee, tea and so forth. We are paying 20 cents a dozen for good eggs today. Then you will notice I sell all kinds of merchandise from pitchforks to shoes.

Most of our mail is sent here in bulk by mail and express. It must then be canceled "Santa Claus" and started on its way.

After the mail has been canceled it is carried by truck to Lincoln City and placed on the railroad car.

The three men sent here from Washington and Louisville do most of the actual work with the mail. The postmaster general appreciates our problems and has provided us with ample facilities to meet the situation. We have an electric cancellation machine which will run more than thirty thousand pieces an hour. So no matter how big the incoming load of mail, we are able to cancel it and start the gifts and cards on their way from Santa Claus.

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The Indianapolis Herald
12, 20, 31.

Indiana----Lincoln Cabin at Santa Claus

WHERE METEOR FELL

*Lincoln Nat'l Life Ins Co
St Wayne Ind.*

Santa Claus, Ind., Booming With Holiday Business

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Business is booming again for
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building all its own.

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NEW ALBANY, INDIANA

TOBACCO IS BIG CASH CROP OF KENTUCKY

1936 Yield Expected To
Be Larger Than
1935.

By J. S. FERGUSON.

The sing-song cry of the tobacco auctioneer is resounding on the floors of the tobacco warehouses throughout the South, as the 1936 crop goes on sale.

Anyone that has never attended an auction would be extremely interested in the preparation and method by which tobacco is actually sold. The tobacco is sorted by grades and stacked on trays. These are placed in long rows through the building and the auctioneers, starters and buyers go down the rows stopping at each basket, whether it has 50 or 500 pounds in it. Each buyer has his own mode of bidding, some use their eyes, other a nod of his head still others wiggle their clear. All of this the auctioneer understands. (I have attended several auctions—and frankly I have not understood a one, nor have I ever heard a buyer give a verbal bid.) When the bid is accepted a small card is placed on the pile showing the price it brought, the number of pounds in the basket and also the buyer's name.

Bigger Than Last Year.

Many homes will be happier during the holiday festivities for tobacco is the big cash crop throughout much of the Kentucky territory, and according to predictions the 1936 crop will equal or exceed that of 1935 while prices are considerably higher than last year.

Very soon a casual traveler through Kentucky will notice brush heaps and logs piled up along a fence or in a small clump of woods with Southern exposure. This is the first step in preparation of the tobacco plant beds for the 1937 crop. These will be burned to dry out and warm the ground as quite often the tobacco seeds must be sown early in February while some of the soil is still frozen. This burning also kills many of the weed seeds.

Burley tobacco is sold chiefly to the manufacturers of cigarettes and they demand a light flinty leaf of fine texture, and light color. The inclination in recent years show that buyers are willing to pay for quality grades but are unwilling to enter a bid for the more common grades. Taking the hint, many farmers are no longer bringing the common tobacco on to the floor as they find it more profitable to save the floor expenses and keep the poorer grades at home. Quality in tobacco can be obtained by proper fertilization both in the plant bed and in the field. Curing and handling the leaf also has a great deal to do with the final price the grower will obtain.

Requires Steady Growth.

More application of the ordinary fertilizer is not sufficient as burley requires a steady growth and needs a graduated form of nitrogen to keep it growing evenly. Potash also plays an important part as it must be derived partially from Muriate and Sulphate. The Muriate of Potash promotes good weight while the Sulphate of Potash promotes light color and good texture.

Hopkins Old Time tobacco fertilizers are made especially for growing high priced tobacco. Before it was offered to the public many field tests were made by specialists to determine the best formulas. Fertilizer on the plant

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HEROIC STATUE OF SANTA CLAUS



This statue, in Santa Claus Park, near the center that is said to have been formed by this "falling star," was erected in 1905 and unveiled on Christmas Day 1905, just 80 years from the day when the town of Santa Claus was named. It is 22 feet high, the base is in the shape of the Star of Bethlehem and it required 40 tons of material to build it. On the base of this statue is a message from Santa Claus to the children of the world: Honor thy Father and thy Mother, that thy Cup of Life may be overflowing with Happiness! There is also a message to all parents: 'Life hath given thee nothing more sweet than the patter of little feet across thy floor.'

How Santa Claus, Indiana, Got It's Name.

(Picture on Page Four.)
By EDWIN WEDDEKING.

This is not about the long-haired, red-cheeked old man who wears a red suit and shining boots and brings good cheer on Christmas Day, but of the unique little hamlet of about 100 people tucked away in the hills of Spencer county, Indiana, 15 miles from the Ohio river and four miles from Lincoln City, the boyhood home of Abraham Lincoln and also the nearest railroad station.

I have no written history of the settlement and there is not a living soul that can give me the story first-hand for it has been handed down from generation to generation. I am glad to give it to you as it has been given to me from various persons and sources. It was long before Lincoln's father decided to seek a new home—a score or more of years before Lincoln was born that there came into Southern Indiana a small group of sturdy, German settlers and decided that here they would establish their new homes.

The families built rough log houses and cleared as much land as they could the first year. They also sowed some seed and prayed to their Maker that they might have a bountiful harvest so that they would have food for the coming year.

As quickly as word could travel to friends and relatives who had been left behind in the East, they also became interested in the thriving community and decided to come to this part of Indiana. These families soon were trekking West overland, or floated down the Ohio River on barges or in boats. They were welcomed to the new land with open arms by those first settlers.

It was natural that families would group themselves together so that they might help each other build their log houses, clear the land and co-operate in other ways to establish for themselves a good community. Perhaps some of the more enterprising of these early settlers thought of establishing a town even in these very early days. At any rate, within a few years after the coming of the first settlers, a store was built, and more houses, until it was a com-

munity of quite some size. Practically all of these early settlers were members of the German Methodist church in their home land but since they were not enough in number and as there was no money available to build a church, they used one of the larger log houses as a place of worship for a number of years. Some time before 1850 the settlers organized themselves into a German Methodist congregation, but it was sometime later before the first church was built. At about the same time a Camp Ground Association was founded and the place selected at which to hold the annual camp meetings was a dense woods about one mile West of the little hamlet. The settlement had been given the name of Santa Fe, but the congregation went by the name of The Santa Claus church and camp ground.

Camp meetings have been held on this identical spot every year since the association was founded. Some years later a church was built which was used for many years until it was replaced by the present edifice. Cottages were built on the camp ground, and later the large tabernacle and a hotel. Other extensive improvements have been made from time to time and are still being made.

Many other interesting things could be said but I must get back to my original story.

As was true of most villages which had sprung up in the West, there was nothing remarkable about Santa Fe. The community had been growing, each year adding a few more families and cabins. One day in 1855 some of the more ambitious settlers decided that the village should have a post office. Before a post office could be established it was necessary to write to Uncle Sam and get permission to have the village put on a regular mail route. An application for a post office was made and the folks of Santa Fe hoped to hear from Uncle Sam before Christmas of 1855. Everyone was greatly excited at the thought of going to their new post office to get their letters and Christmas gifts from relatives and friends many miles away. They waited rather impatiently for word from Washington. It was the day before Christmas when there arrived a large white envelope sealed with the important red seals of the United States Government. Everyone crowded around to see what the letter contained. They were sadly disap-

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Thrives on Moist Soils.

Long experience has proved that tomatoes thrive on most of our soils, but that they do best on fertile, well-drained deep loams. This past season again demonstrates that tomatoes are a real "dry weather" crop. While other crops were blasting and withering tomato plants "stood up" well under the terrific heat, and when the rains finally came, they went on to make some fair and some exceptional yields; on the whole, a much better showing than many other crops.

The time of tomato harvest makes the crop particularly desirable here in Indiana, as it always brings in cash at a time when it is needed for taxes and other necessities. Many children set out small patches of tomatoes and the cheer they find for "spending money" at Christmas. It is also a blessing for the communities in which canning plants are located as they afford jobs for thousands who might otherwise remain idle. Many who are thus seasonally employed depend upon this income to see them through the winter months.

Others Also Important.

Although tomatoes are the chief canning crop in Indiana we must remember that several others also hold important places. Peas, sweet corn, spinach and pumpkin are canned in large quantities and add thousands of dollars to the incomes of our growers.

It is safe to predict that the canning industry will continue to fill an important place in Indiana agriculture. The use of canned foods is rapidly increasing, and we know now that foods properly prepared and canned retain their food-value far better than many so called "fresh vegetables," gathered hundreds of miles away, and ripened in transit, in storage, or not at all.

Require Fertilizer.

Practically all canners require their growers to use a liberal amount of well-selected fertilizer, in order to obtain high yields of sound, red ripe tomatoes. And practically all growers accept this practice as returning a handsome profit on the fertilizer investment.

For many years, Hopkins Old Time Tomato Grower has been the leader among tomato fertilizers, and many of the canners use and recommend it to their growers. Long research has taught us how the various materials function in feeding the tomato plant, and how

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We join with our salesmen and our dealers to wish all of our friends and customers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

To you who have been loyal to us this year, we owe a deep gratitude, and with it we assume an obligation of loyalty to you and a continuation of service that can only be rendered by individuals working together.

Hopkins Fertilizer Co.

Alfred
Manager.

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WORTHWHILE READING.

We are not giving you so much fertilizer talk in this issue of the "Hopkins News" because we have so many other things we want to bring to your attention that no doubt will be of more interest to you at this time of the year. However, since there will be some activity in the tomato and tobacco crops before our spring issue comes out we hope you will read the two articles on these crops very carefully. Mr. Gayle, who represents us in central Indiana, has been in very close touch with the canning interests and has given on the tomato crop very much stuff and has brought out some very good things in his article. Mr. Ferguson, one of our Kentucky representatives, deals very extensively with the best tobacco growers and has given the tobacco crop very careful study.

CUPID VISITS BEDFORD.

One of our good dealers, Robert Moore, Bedford, Kentucky, was married recently—Congratulations Bob.

A TOAST TO THE FARMER.

By J. W. PATTON.

Here's to the farmers throughout our great land,
With the calico shirt and the big brogans,
And the patched overalls are forgotten when,
We look through his clothes—to the heart within.

Here's to the farmers, yes every one,
Who heres his body to the scorching sun,
And the torrid winds and the pelting rain,
Preparing a harvest of golden grain.

Here's to the farmer who thanks his God,
For the power of life held in each clod,
And sees in each seed of the sprouting grain,
A true resurrection of life again.

Here's to the farmer whose calloused hands,
Permeates a living from sunbaked lands,
I tremble to think what the world would do,
Without the assistance we get from you.

Here's to the farmer who reigns supreme,
In his "home sweet home" with his wife as queen,
With laughter of children around the hearth,
Just about brings heaven right down to earth.

Here's to the farmer who has his share,
Of the burdens of life which he must bear,
This gospel of truth he teaches all men,
We get out of life just what we put in.

Here's to the farmers, their children and wives,
Through whose noble efforts this country survives,
We wish each of you from a heart that's sincere,
A glorious Christmas and Happy New Year.

HOW SANTA CLAUS GOT IT'S NAME

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pointed at the news. There already was a town in Indiana bearing the name of Santa Fe and the post office department stated that the petition would have to specify a different name before a post office could be granted.

Determined to get their post office just as quickly as possible, the citizens of Santa Fe decided to discuss the matter "about" very much Christmas Eve. On Christmas Eve it was the custom for everyone to gather in the building which served as a church and a meeting hall to celebrate the advent of another Christmas. The Christmas tree had been garlanded with red berries and glistening white popcorn. Dangling from the tree were knitted mittens and stockings, carved wooden toys, rag dolls and other home made gifts. Snow had fallen earlier in the day and the snow covered forest was a wonderful sight to behold.

Inside the building there was merriment and laughter. The Christmas spirit filled their hearts and it was an enjoyable time for all. The young folk played games which were so popular on Christmas Eve—"Blind Man's Blind," "Sheep the Wild Mare," "Steal the White Lute," "Bob Apple" and "Snap Dragon." The older folk gathered about the high fire place and engaged in conversation. The men talked over new names which might be appropriate for the village.

It was while these festivities and discussions were going on that the sky had become filled with an intensely blinding light, and a little boy came rushing in to the hall shouting—"The Christmas Star is falling." Everyone rushed to the door and windows in time to behold a flaming mess shooting down from the heavens and go crashing with a thunderous roar against a low, distant hill. The earth and building for a moment, then all was quiet. Scarcely anyone dared to breathe. "It is a good omen," some said, "A star from the East has fallen in our midst."

After the excitement had died down somewhat the men of the village got together and agreed that the name of Santa Fe should be changed to Santa Claus. A few petitions were quickly prepared to be sent by the next day to the Postmaster General in Washington. It was unusually late when the folks left for their homes that night with the kind-hearted old custom of shaking hands and wishing each other a feeling glowing within everyone's breast.

After quite some time the commission for the Santa Claus Post Office was received and the opening of the post office was a great event in the lives of the Santa Claus folk.

The little hamlet was practically unknown to the outside world until twelve years ago when the picture of the Santa Claus Post Office and Jim Martin the Postmaster at that time, appeared in Ripley's famous cartoon, "Believe it or not." During that year and ever since the little town has been visited by many newspaper reporters, magazine writers, motion picture people and tourists from all parts of the United States and even from foreign countries.

The beloved Jim Martin who died in 1935 was the postmaster and the merchant in the town for thirty years and was the reeler.

AN INVITATION.

Many of our friends and customers have visited us and have spent some time going through the factory to see for themselves how Hopkins Old Time Fertilizers are made. We are always glad to welcome visitors and want you to stop and see us when passing through town. Just bring a note from your nearest Hopkins agent if you care to go through the factory or better still get him to bring you in with him some time when he is coming down.

You do not have to be a Hopkins user to be welcome. We have no secret processes or hidden formulas to hide behind barred doors or high fences.

HOPKINS FERTILIZERS USED EXCLUSIVELY IN THIS FIELD



This tobacco was grown on Mr. Stanley Grohmyer's farm. Mr. Grohmyer is owner of the Grohmyer Coal Company, Carrollton, Kentucky, and is well known throughout the state.

Many will recognize the buildings shown. This is known as "The Jersey Farm" and has been visited by many Kentucky farmers who are interested in modern dairy farming methods. The large barn shown in the picture is built from specifications furnished by the Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station.

TOBACCO IS BIG KENTUCKY CROP

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bed is usually applied as the ground is being worked and from 100 to 125 pounds of Hopkins Plant Special 5-8-6 is used for each 900 square feet of bed. The beds are nearly always 9 feet wide by 100 feet long and this has been used more or less as a standard dimension. After the plants begin to sprout a liquid solution of Nitrate of Soda is applied to promote faster growth. As soon as possible the plants are transplanted into the fields. Ordinarily from 5,000 to 7,000 plants are required for an acre and Hopkins Old Time Fertilizers are applied at the rate of from 300 to 1,000 pounds per acre.

Many of our customers have commented on the ability of their tobacco to resist the drought this past year and claim that the gradual availability of the Nitrogen did not cause their crop to fail during the extremely dry hot weather.

HAVE FINE YEAR.

Mr. Collins and Bill Schwartz, owners of the Mays Lick Implement Company, Mays Lick, Kentucky, report that they have had an exceptionally fine year on fertilizer and implements.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT



O. L. Canble holding a hot-dried rooster from the Canble Egg Factory, Pekin, Indiana. This rooster was displayed by Mr. Canble at a meeting in New Albany last spring and it created considerable interest. The chick was placed in the bottle shortly after it was hatched and thrived until reaching marketable size. He is out of the bottle now—but how did he get out without breaking the bottle.

Read more about the Canble Egg Factory in the next issue of the Hopkins News.

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to combine all the raw materials to produce the plant food, so as to feed the plant throughout the entire season.

The Hopkins Fertilizer Company is proud of its efforts toward making the growing of canning crops more profitable to our growers.

STRAWBERRIES.

Editor's Note—These articles are reprinted from a newspaper column written by James Morrow, Crawford county agricultural agent.

With freezing weather now is the time of year when strawberries should be mulched. Good materials for this purpose are wheat straw, rye straw, cane, and shredded fodder. Refuse from cone mills is satisfactory. With the scarcity of suitable materials due to the drought some of these materials will be hard to get. Dry leaves make a satisfactory mulch. If not put on too heavily and if not left too long in the spring. Their worst fault is that they tend to pack if applied too deep. Berries should be mulched by all means, as the mulch protects the plants from heaving as a result of freezing and thawing, and it will be possible to produce cleaner berries than where the mulch is not used. This last item is an important one from the standpoint of marketing as the appearance of the fruit has a great deal to do with the price that it brings.

PERSONALS.

D. W. Myers, the Hopkins salesman in Southwestern Kentucky has recently returned from visiting his son at Raleigh, North Carolina. While there Mr. Myers did some deep sea fishing and we have to believe his fish stories for he has pictures to prove them.

C. J. Hendrix of Terre Haute, Indiana has been working hard this past year and is developing some fine new agents throughout Western Indiana and Eastern Illinois.

Albert Schlichter, our Northern Indiana representative, was at the office a few days ago getting his supplies for 1937. He will see his agents soon to get their contracts and talk over the spring business.

James Hoglen, the office manager, and W. W. Ellis, the manager, spent a few days with Joe Russell and his family at Lida, Kentucky. They report that business is better than hunting. Business can't fly as fast. Joe Russell sells Hopkins Old Time Fertilizer in Southeastern Kentucky.

Many of our friends and agents join with us in wishing every happiness to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Fitzgerald who are the most recent newly-weds in the Hopkins family. Mrs. Fitzgerald was Miss Nellie Peters before September 9th and even if you didn't know her name she probably answered the phone and took your order when you called it in. Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald are residing in New Albany and we still hope she can find her way back to the office just to say hello now and then.

THERE ARE A FEW
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IF INTERESTED IN AN
AGENCY WRITE US.

KENTUCKY SOIL DOES DOUBLE IN POTATO GROWING

Two Crops Are Raised in a Year in That State.

A recent letter from our good friends, Fred Hartman and Kathryn Hite at the Buschel Produce Exchange, whose ad appears elsewhere in this issue, tells how their customers raise two crops of potatoes a year. Quoting from their letter:

"Here in Kentucky we grow two potato crops a year. The Irish Cobbler or Triumphs which are planted as early as the weather will permit in March are best suited for the early planting. The vines grow about twelve or fourteen inches high and have a beautiful bloom of purplish pink color. The potato begins to grow under the ground after the plant has bloomed. This crop is grown for table use and matures in late June or the first of July. The second crop is planted in July and August. From this time we get our seed for the coming year and use what is called the number two grade for seed and the number one grade is sold for table use.

"Our farmers fertilize both crops they not only get a better yield but a much better quality potato, smooth and free from scab. They also find that it pays to check carefully on their seed. Quite a few growers keep up a 'tuber unit system' which consists of growing each potato under special supervision and eliminating any weak, diseased or poor yielding plants. Others raise certified seed every year. Both ways are getting profits from the seed raised under State supervision.

"The farmers here like Hopkins Old Time Fertilizer as it is built from vegetable and animal matter and feeds the plant from the time it starts to grow to maturity, it gives the plant a rich green color and also builds up the fertility of the soil."

They close their letter by extending wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to us and all other friends and customers.

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sible for large business firms and their patrons to send their mail to the corporation and have it nicely decorated for the holiday season and have it mailed out of the Santa Claus Post Office. This corporation has moved four large interurban cars to the little village where the decorating and the classifying of the mail will be done before taking it to the Santa Claus post office. This of course will bring in many thousands of pieces of mail that would not otherwise be mailed out of Santa Claus.

While Uncle Sam's business has been booming in Santa Claus there have also been other important activities going on in the Santa Claus country.

A few years ago, Santa Claus of Santa Claus, Inc. was organized. Leases and options on real estate were obtained from a number of the citizens and nearby farmers for the purpose of building a "Toy Village." The Candy Castle has been completed and nine toy houses are now under construction. According to officials of the corporation there will be at least thirty houses built. These houses will be fairy tale architecture design and will be leased to the toy, candy and Christmas goods manufacturers in which to display their goods.

No doubt within a few years the old buildings of the town will be replaced with toy houses and Santa Claus will be transformed into a real toy village.

SANTA CLAUS TABERNACLE



Erected almost 50 years ago.

First Santa Claus Church Established 88 Years Ago

Eighty-eight years ago, with the shades of sycamores, elms and hickory trees as their only protection from the blistering July sun, the first group of God fearing men and women to gather at the now famed settlement of Santa Claus established what since has grown to be an outstanding religious festival in this section of Hoosierdom.

Methodist circuit riders conducted the first Santa Claus camp meetings, preaching the gospel to the hardy settlers and farmers of the neighborhood. In the years that have passed the annual meeting has been the worshipping place of thousands during the mid-summer season.

Since regular pastors have supplied the M. E. church at Santa Claus, the meeting has grown yearly and great improvements have been made since the days of the first annual meetings.

First, nearly 50 years ago, a large tabernacle was built by several carpenters of the Santa Claus congregation. Plank seats were replaced by comfortable benches. Additional trees were planted. Then the straw-floored tents were done away with and replaced with better ones, a hotel and recreation hall were constructed for the use of the pilgrims that came from an ever widening area. The hotel and recreation hall is used

The Santa Claus Good Fellowship Club was organized about two years ago. A thirty-two acre tract of land was bought by this corporation and has been very beautifully landscaped for a park to be known as Santa Claus Park. Much work has already been done and no doubt within the next few years it will be the most unusual and only park of its kind in the whole wide world. Over five acres of the park have been set aside for picnic grounds and there have already been many conveniences provided for the visitors.

Everyone who visits the park is very much impressed with the beautiful entrance, the statue of Santa Claus, the Wishing Well, the Totem Pole, the beautiful evergreens planted along the sides of the driveways to the picnic grounds and the wonderful natural scenery surrounding the park.

as a community center at Santa Claus at other times of the year. One of the carpenters who helped construct the tabernacle nearly 60 years ago—C. W. Wedeking—has been a regular attendant at the camp meeting and expects to be present this year when the meeting opens in August.

At the close of the camp meeting this year the trustees purchased a tract of land adjoining the camp ground which has been planned for camp sites and by the construction of a large dam a lake has been made that will cover several acres. Twenty-five camp sites have already been spoken for and many others are available and no doubt will be taken up within the next few years. Services are held at the church every Sunday and visitors are always welcome.

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THANKS TO MR. PATTON.

We feel greatly indebted to Mr. J. W. Patton, English, Indiana, for his excellent poem in this issue of the Hopkins News. If any of you readers care to drop Mr. Patton a card or letter telling him how much you liked his poem, we are sure it would be a source of inspiration to him.

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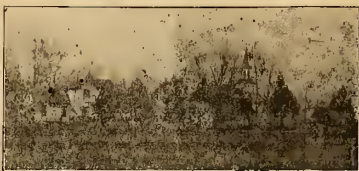
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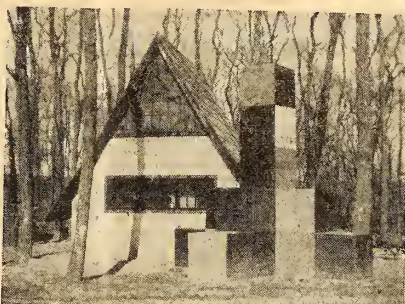
First Meeting House.



First Post Office.

POSTMASTER—Oscar Phillips, Santa Claus postmaster, Santa Claus is a small village but during this season of the year Postmaster Phillips does a big town business as he handles thousands of letters sent him from all parts of the English-speaking world to be remailed bearing the Santa Claus postmark.

PASTOR—The Rev. A. W. Jarboe, pastor of the Santa Claus M. E. Church has a real man's job. He teaches a Sunday School class; preaches two sermons every Sunday, conducts and takes an active part in meetings during the week and has many of the details of the camp meeting to work out.



Another Toy House.



Park Refreshments Stand.



CANDY CASTLE—This building has been leased to one of the big candy companies of the country and is being very beautifully decorated on the inside. We are unable to say just now what the company's plans are but it is assumed that samples of candies will be displayed there for the public to see.



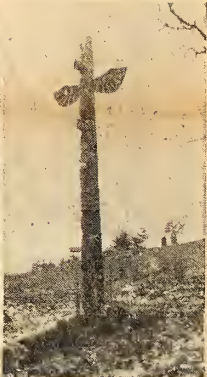
CARS—A partial view of two of the four interurban cars used for an office and work shops by the Santa Claus Remailing Corporation.



PENNY FOR A WISH—The Wishing Well where you can drop in a penny and make a wish if you wish.



Historic Bell in the Park.



TOTEM POLE—From the Nompkish Tribe of Indians in Alaska, comes this real and very unusual totem pole. It once stood proudly before the Chieftain's hut as the tribe's symbol of happiness and power and well being. It is carved out of a solid tree, is about 25 feet high and is beautifully painted. From Alaska the pole was shipped by boat to Seattle, and then by rail to Santa Claus Park, where it now stands. These are the meanings of the totem pole: Top figure—The Thunder Bird, the bird that protects the tribe, and by its protection brings happiness wherever erected. Second figure from top—The Grizzly Bear, sitting just below the thunder bird, holds frailty to a man's head with his forepaws. Able to take a man's life, the grizzly bear is the tribe's symbol of power, strength and authority. The beaver native copper plate on the man's breast is the sign of lust and wealth. Third figure from the top—The Beaver, a sign that the Nompkish tribe was an industrious one. In hunting, fishing and woodcraft. Fourth figure—The Medicine Man, who is above the frog, showing he has conquered the frog of sickness. Bottom figure—The Frog. The Alaskan Indians believe that all sickness comes from drinking water in which frogs have laid their eggs, thus they traced all sickness to the frog.



ENTRANCE—Thousands of machines have passed through this entrance the past year and many more will be passing through in 1937.



POST OFFICE—Every year at Christmas time this building is teeming with activity as the post office force is busy stamping the Santa Claus postmark on thousands of letters and parcels.



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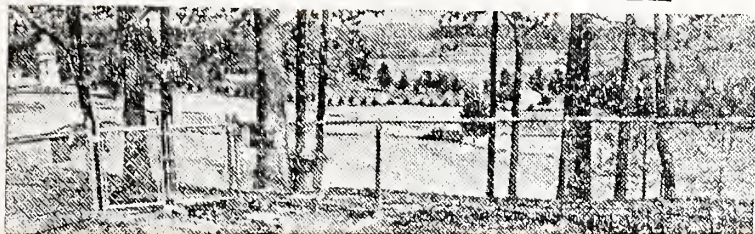


103 YEARS OLD—This cabin was situated about 3 miles east of New Harmony until 1935, when it was moved to Santa Claus Park. It was occupied until about a week before it was dismantled.



SCHOOL—This is the building where Santa Claus children are taught the Three R's.

WHERE METEOR FELL



HALL OF FAMOUS AMERICANS



SANTA CLAUS LAND

SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA

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CHARACTERS

EARLY AMERICAN INDIAN

This Indian represents the early Miami Indian of Indiana territory days.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN (1706-1790)

The famous patriot, inventor, scientist, author and publisher sits alone in his study.

BETSY ROSS (1752-1835)

This famous seamstress is completing her work on the first American Flag.

GEORGE WASHINGTON (1732-1799)

The father of our country stands on the lawn before Mt. Vernon.

THOMAS JEFFERSON (1743-1826)

The author of the Declaration of Independence looks thoughtfully away from his writing.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN Scene I.

As a boy of eight we see him with his mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, in their Indiana cabin.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN Scene II

The young rail splitter is shown here just before he left his home in Indiana for Illinois.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN Scene III (1809-1865)

The great president, Abraham Lincoln, seriously contemplates the document on his table.

LILLIAN RUSSELL (1861-1922)

This famous actress, singer and stage queen typifies the "Gay Nineties" era.

MAN AND LADY OF THE 1880's

The 1880 couple sit in their parlor with the family organ.

AND SETTINGS

MARK TWAIN (Samuel Clemens) 1835-1910

The great humorist in a pensive mood perhaps dreaming about his beloved Mississippi River.

TOM SAWYER-HUCKLEBERRY FINN-BECKY THATCHER

The well-known Mark Twain favorite, Tom, uses psychology to get Huck Finn to whitewash the fence as Becky looks on.

JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY (1849-1916)

Our own Hoosier poet loved to entertain children with his own verses on the lawn of his home.

WILL ROGERS (1879-1935)

The beloved American humorist and philosopher is depicted at home on his ranch.

BABE RUTH (1895-1948)

You can almost hear the crowd roar for a homer as the Bambino stands on deck.

STEPHEN FOSTER (1826-1864)

The composer dreams of his "Jeanie With the Light Brown Hair."

LITTLE WOMEN

Fictional characters made real by Louisa Mae Alcott are Mrs. March, the mother, surrounded by her four daughters, Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy.



THE ARTIST: All of the life-size figures have been created in wax by Lewis Sorensen, the well-known West Coast artist.

See these Outstanding Attractions in Santa Claus Land

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A collection of over 1500 dolls — from pinhead to life-size — including many historical characters and dolls made in many foreign lands.

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A scale model circus in action! Complete with 3 rings performing simultaneously, a big circus parade and side shows — all in action under the 'big top.'

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All of Santa's deer and many in addition! Also, baby pigs, goats, ducks and other animals of interest to children.

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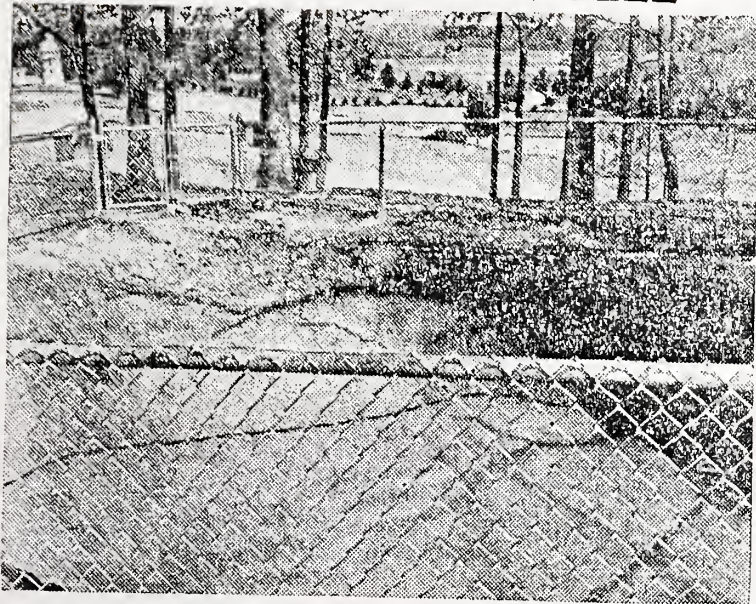


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WHERE METEOR FELL



In the Santa Claus park at Santa Claus, now under development, is a hole which natives say was caused by a meteor 50 years ago. The hole has been fenced in and a garden will be planted within it. The above picture shows the meteor scar in the foreground and, in the left background, the Santa Claus statue dedicated last Christmas.

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The Legend of SANTA CLAUS LAND

SANTA CLAUS LAND, the famous children's park, one of the nation's leading, most colorful tourist attractions is located in the famous little village of Santa Claus, Indiana which nestles in the rolling hills of scenic southern Indiana on State Highway 162 and 245.

Santa Claus, Indiana is a small community of less than 50 inhabitants and was founded by a group of pioneers of German descent. The first big problem facing the little group was the naming of their settlement. On Christmas Eve in 1849, during their discussion of this problem at the annual Christmas party, the village Santa Claus, laden with gifts to be exchanged, walked in. With his entrance an idea was born and the name "Santa Claus, Indiana" became the favorite. Thus the village was officially named on that Christmas Eve in 1849. Today though small, it commands national attention as the true home of Santa Claus—and a visit to Santa Claus Land confirms all facts.

The large park was started as a private enterprise by Louis J. Koch, an Evansville, Indiana manufacturer. After years of planning he is finally realizing his dream in a park and playground, where, it is his hope "children may be truly imbued with the spirit of Santa Claus and Christmas giving."

In 1856 a post office was granted to the little community. The old historic building and landmark which housed the original post office has been restored and now serves as the House of Dolls at Santa Claus Land. One of the most complete and beautiful collection of dolls in the world is displayed there.

Two miniature railroads are busy all day long taking train loads of excited youngsters and adults through the enchanted park. The large railroad has been built to accommodate passengers of all ages.

The Enchanted Trail winding through the beautiful wooded area of the park is a third of a mile long and children are fascinated by the full-sized and life-like dioramas of their favorite Mother Goose characters as "Little Boy Blue," "Jack and Jill," "Humpty Dumpty" and many others.

The Main Lodge contains Santa's Museum, one of the most interesting toy museums in the world—being both mechanical and musical and is actually operated by the visitors themselves. Also housed here are the Souvenir Shop, the Gift Shop, Santa Claus Post Office, Lincoln Display and the Christmas Room, Santa's Modern Restaurant.

Many other attractions await you outside. There are Santa's real, live reindeer, the Toy Shop in the building north of the Main Lodge and the mechanical miniature Circus, a new attraction located west of the Toy Shop. This complete circus is of carved miniatures from the parade to the performances in the Big Tent.

WHAT TO SEE

STATUE OF SANTA CLAUS—The only full color statue of the jolly old gent in the world. He symbolizes a cheery "hello" to all who come to visit his home.

FAIRYLAND RAILROAD—An exact scale model of a B & O Locomotive tender and coaches. Large enough to accomodate adults as well as children.

KIDDIES' TRAIN—Santa operates this one for the tiny tots only. Its right-of-way encircles the Patio-Restaurant.

HOUSE OF DOLLS—One of the most lavish collections of dolls in the world. Over 1,200 dolls ranging from lifesize down to those you view through a magnifying glass.

SANTA'S CIRCUS—A full three-ring circus in miniature with circus parade, the "Big Top" and sideshows all performing simultaneously.

TOY EXHIBIT—A historic collection of antique American toys and toys from many foreign lands.

SANTA CLAUS POST OFFICE—World famous for its Christmas mail rush each year. People all over the world send packages and letters to be stamped with the only "Santa Claus" postmark in existence.

GAME PRESERVE AND ZOO—Here you can see Santa's reindeer at such close range you can feed them from your hand. Also here are a collection of animals straight out of a story book for the amazement and amusement of children.

THE CHRISTMAS ROOM—Santa's beautiful dining-room in the Main Building. Famous for its fried chicken dinners.

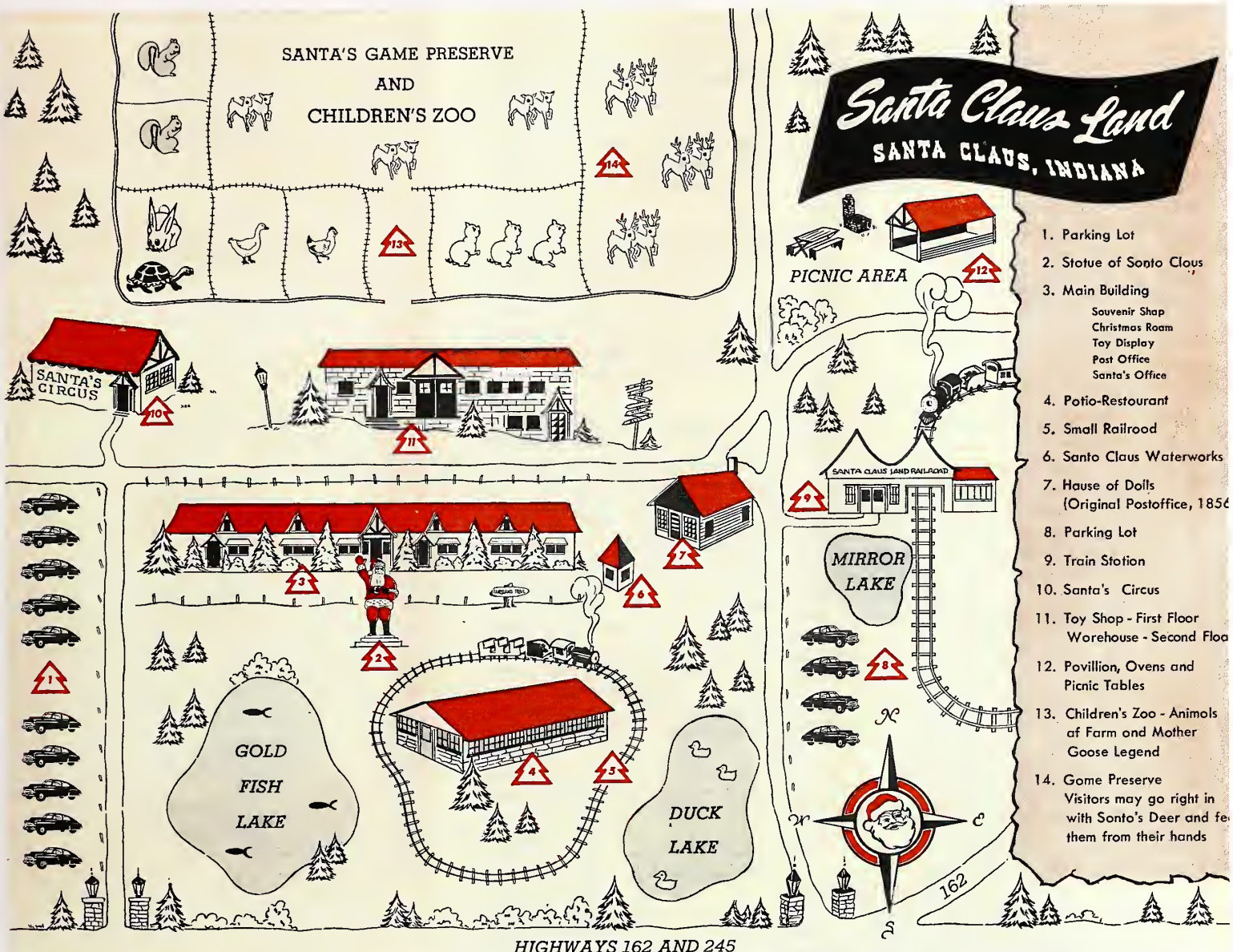
Whatever the season, summer or fall, Santa Claus Land is open and ready to serve you and to entertain you. In summer additional features for you to enjoy are the picnic area with ovens, tables, shelters, the playground area and lake where you can swim, fish and go boating.

VISIT WORLD FAMOUS

Santa Claus Land



Santa's Fabulous Home
IN
SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA



Lincoln's Boyhood Home Near Santa Claus Land

Spencer County, Indiana in addition to being the home of Santa Claus, is extremely proud of having been the boyhood home of Abraham Lincoln.

Lincoln lived in a cabin between Santa Claus and Gentryville for 14 years, coming here from Kentucky at the age of seven and leaving with his family for Illinois at the age of 21 in 1830.

The countryside is dotted with landmarks and tourist attractions pertaining to Lincoln.

Outstanding among the Lincolnland attractions are Lincoln State Park and Nancy Hanks Lincoln Memorial, both five miles west of Santa Claus on Ind. 162, Lincoln Pioneer Village at Rockport, 24 miles south of Santa Claus, and Lincoln Ferry Park, 14 miles south of Santa Claus on Indiana 66.

A part of Lincoln State Parks is the Nancy Hanks Lincoln Memorial, built near the grave of Lincoln's mother, who died in 1816. A short distance from the mother's grave, along a marked trail, is the spot where the cabin stood that was Lincoln's boyhood home.

The memorial building is a beautiful semi-circular affair constructed of native Indiana limestone. It is composed of two units, Abraham Lincoln Hall on the west and Nancy Hanks Lincoln Hall on the east. The semi-circular cloister connects the two.

To the north of the central plaza the visitor sees a long allee crossing Indiana 162 bordered by hedgerows and trees native to the area. This central esplanade with gravel walks on either side leads to the hillside where the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln is located.

Abraham Lincoln Hall is a chapel seating 250 persons which is available without charge to any group that wishes to reserve it for religious service or public meeting. Many weddings are held here annually.

Nancy Hanks Hall is a lounge used occasionally as a meeting place for Lincoln study groups.

Lincoln State Park, which adjoins Nancy Hanks Lincoln Memorial, consists of 1,540 acres and is primarily a recreation rather than historical area. An admission of 12 cents for each adult plus

10 cents per automobile is charged.

An artificial lake, stocked with fish and bordered by a fine swimming beach, covers approximately 85 acres. Docking facilities are adjacent to the beach and boats are available for rent at 25 cents an hour.

Popular hiking trails lead around the lake and to the nearby fire tower from which the hiker gets a panoramic view of the countryside. Picnic tables and fireplaces cover the grounds around the lake and near all roads and trails.

Possible future developments include cabins for public rental.

Lincoln Pioneer Village, built in 1935 by WPA labor and operated by the village of Rockport, consists of a museum and 17 full-sized and authentically furnished log cabins.

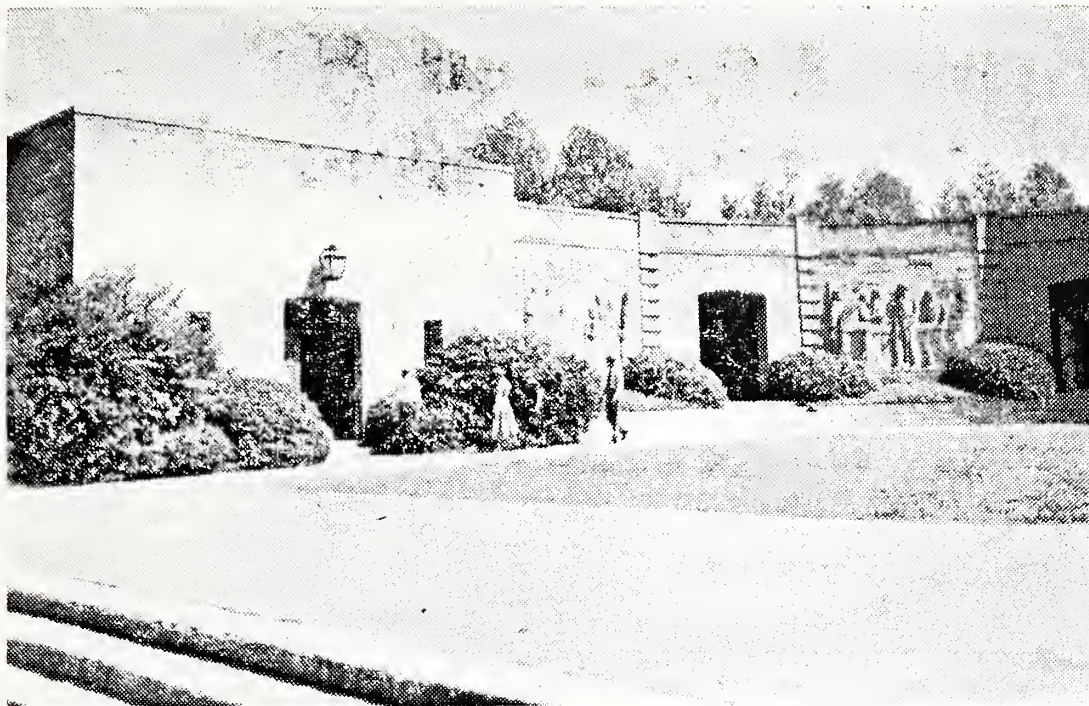
The cabins are replicas of the homes of Lincoln and his neighbors, their church, store and their school and outbuildings.

The buildings are grouped as any small village might have been at the time and visitors get a real feeling of having turned back the clock a full century. Many like to take pictures of themselves and their families seated on doorsteps or front porches of the cabins, with the make-believe idea that they live in such surroundings.

A log stockade fence encloses the village, shutting it off entirely from the 20th century. No electricity or any other facility not available in Lincoln's time is used anywhere inside the fence. Most cabin floors are held with wooden pegs rather than nails.

Much of the furnishings in the cabins was donated by descendants of families that were Lincoln's Gentryville neighbors and some are the actual pieces from homes in which Lincoln visited as a boy.

Visiting of all cabins in the village takes approximately one hour. About 7,000 persons visit it annually.



SCENES FROM ALL phases of Lincoln's life are depicted in stone on the semi-circular wall of the Lincoln Memorial. The Memorial is at Lincoln State Park, five miles west of Santa Claus Land on Ind. 162.



LINCOLN PIONEER VILLAGE at Rockport is a WPA-built project of log cabins covering more than a city block enclosed in a stockade fence. Nothing is used inside the fence that was not in existence in Lincoln's time.

Lincoln Lore Collection Fills Toyland Showcase

The east end of Toyland at Santa Claus Land contains a 40-foot line of glass cases loaded with relics of Abraham Lincoln and his era. The collection belongs to Ora Brown of Dale, the foremost Lincoln Lore collector in the area, possibly in the country.

The Lincoln Exhibit is an attempt to display some of the varied activities which Lincoln entered between the years seven to 21 when he lived in Indiana. Many of the items in this display came from those who were related to or knew the Lincoln family when it resided in Spencer County.

The exhibit contains many old books, pieces of music, medals, guns and newspapers of Lincoln's time. Several papers bearing the signature of Lincoln the president are included.

An actual photograph shows the Little Pigeon Creek Church where Lincoln the boy worshiped, there is an ax taken from the Lincoln home and a crude wooden box fastened with wooden pegs (there were no nails then) made by Abe himself. An even older item is the original baby bonnet worn by Lincoln's beloved mother Nancy who is buried five miles away at Lincoln State Park.

Extremely interesting is a plat map of the Little Pigeon Creek Settlement, showing who owned all of the land in the area in 1819. There is a Post Office Department Book showing postage

sales for all over the country in 1829. Gentry's Store, where Lincoln traded at what is now Gentryville, took in the total of \$2.52 for the year according to the book. Evansville is listed for \$97.31 in postage sales for the same year and Indianapolis \$379.23.

Two fine portraits by Lewis

Sorenson, the California artist who is responsible for all the Santa Claus Land art work, are included in the display. One is a portrait of Lincoln the boy, the other covering the back of one entire case is of the early Lincoln Home, showing Abe and his father and mother in their cabin.

Area to Play Major Part in Lincoln Year

The 150th anniversary of birth of Abraham Lincoln will be celebrated nationally in 1959 and Spencer County, Indiana home of Santa Claus Land, will play a major part.

Several activities this summer will kick off the sesquicentennial program.

First is the Lincoln Memorial service and parade scheduled for May 4 at Lincoln State Park, five miles west of Santa Claus.

At 10 a.m. church service at the Lincoln chapel will be attended by all members of the Indiana Sesquicentennial commission which is headed by State Auditor Roy Combs and includes Gov. Harold Handley and former Governor Henry Schricker.

The state and the Spencer County commissions will have a joint banquet at Santa Claus Land at noon. At 2 p.m. a parade will form at the Lincoln cabin-site at Lincoln City and will march along highways 345 and 162 to the Nancy Hanks Lincoln Memorial for the memorial service.

The parade will include many high school bands, floats from civic organizations and industries of southern Indiana, and a parade of old-time automobiles.

The Rockport Junior Chamber of Commerce is busy building a flatboat which it will launch in the Ohio River July 4, for a trip to New Orleans.

The boat is a replica of one built by Abraham Lincoln and his companion Allen Gentry when they were 17 for a similar trip down the Ohio and Mississippi.

It will be launched from the exact spot where Lincoln and Gentry launched their craft. Two youths who will pilot it down the river will stop all along the route to hand out souvenirs of Spencer County and publicity material for the Sesquicentennial.

Another project under consideration is the carving of the face of Abraham Lincoln in rock on a high bluff at Rockport overlooking the Ohio River.

The 1959 Indiana license plates will carry the inscription "Lincoln Year." And the Spencer County committee is planning to have made special front license plates advertising the county's celebration.

Also suggested has been the changing of the name of Spencer County permanently to Lincoln County and the addition of a museum to Lincoln Park.

Backlogs and Tallow Candles

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The pioneer depended solely upon the open fireplace for both warmth and cooking. The hastily built log cabin of the earliest pioneer had a chimney made of sticks imbedded in clay mortar. This served very well until the heavy downpour of rain washed away the mortar; then the seasoned sticks would catch fire and if this happened during the absence of the men folks, the cabin and its contents went to a pile of ashes.

The later stone chimneys furnished a better draft and of course looked the part. The average width of the fireplace was four to five feet and even broader. Many of the log cabin chimneys were real smokers. With all of the pioneer's skill and ingenuity he failed to see that a better draft could be obtained by a slight forward bending of the back-wall which served to produce a draft.

Formerly there was a large brick house just outside the present limits of the town of Hazelton. This residence was that of the Elder Embree, and from this home we got Judge and later Colonel Embree, who was an intimate friend of Lincoln. This home had a particularly large room and was headed by a large fireplace in either end. The fireplace took a back-log ten feet in length—that is to say, the back-log was a sawlog length or a fence-rail length. There were two doors to this big room and they were exactly opposite and were made so for a definite purpose. When a back log was needed, a horse was harnessed and hitched to one end of the log

and the horse was led through one door into the room and then out of the opposite door. In one corner of this room were wooden rollers which were paced beneath the big back-log and thus readily rolled in place.

Governor William Henry Harrison often visited this home as he did other homes up and down that highway that at first ran from Vincennes to Princeton and then after 1815, when Evansville was founded, the road was extended to that place. During Harrison's time, there was no city called Evansville.

On one occasion the family residing in this big brick house at Hazelton wished to go to Princeton, but not desiring to subject their small children to the discomforts incident to travel over the highway, they appealed to a daughter in the home of a nearby neighbor to care for the children for the day.

One of these aforementioned big fireplaces had the usual complement of a long black crane and customary andirons with a big, charred and fire-eaten back-log doing full duty. A black pot containing a hambone immersed in beans was simmering over the smoldering coals as it was suspended from the crane. Smothering in the deep wood ashes and embers was a nut-brown corn pone.

The young lady at length consulted the tall wall clock and ascertaining that it was nearing lunch time, at once began to make preparations for the noon meal for herself and the laughing, romping children in the adjoining room.

Week-day plates, cups and cutlery were brought forth, chairs placed and at length everything was in readiness save the corn pone, hambone and beans. Accordingly she proceeded to call the children from their play and placed them in their high-chairs about the table. This done, the young lady armed with a suitable ladle and

receiving dish, was passing a window that looked out upon the highway when her eye caught sight of a lone horseman leaving the main road and turning in upon the road leading up to the brick mansion. One look was sufficient to disclose the fact that her visitor was none other than Governor Harrison.

With a woman's intuition and pride the young lady hurriedly ushered the little ones back into their play-room, blotted out all evidence of her preparation for lunch by spreading a cloth over the table and in less time than it takes to read these lines, she was ready to receive her distinguished guest.

Presently she heard a rat-tat-tat upon the door, which was made by the governor's riding switch, cut from a roadside brush. The governor was met quite graciously and presently was seated in front of the great open fireplace.

As the young lady was detailing to General Harrison the absence of the host and hostess as well as her consequent presence in the house that day, the governor attentively listened and at the same time, rather absently toyed with his riding switch in the rounded hump of hot embers and ashes. As he did so his switch uncovered the nut-brown corn pone. At once the governor exclaimed: "There! There! Now see what I have found!"

Then, with a winsome smile, the governor observed: "I have been riding all morning and I am quite hungry. I wonder if you might give me something to eat."

As the young lady busied herself in complying with the request of her distinguished guest, she, woman-like, made profuse apologies for the meager fare, but as the governor sat himself down before a portion of that corn pone and a generous helping of the hambone and beans, he remarked that such a dinner was good enough for a king, and added: "It is just my kind of a meal."

That young lady lived to become a grandmother and came down to my time. Over and over again she would delightfully relate the foregoing incident and proudly say, "Once I had as my guest a man who was governor of the state and by and by became president. And I served him corn pone, hambone and beans."

